

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended): A film cutting and moving suction tube comprising
- an elongate body which includes an inlet section formed with an inlet at one end of the elongate body, an outlet section formed with an outlet and that provides a mouthpiece at the other end of the elongate body, and an inhalation channel for providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;
- said inlet section includes a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade that extends across the inlet, and at least one ram blade;
- said blade being formed with a cutting edge suitable for making a cut in a covering film of a cavity of a blister containing powder medicament, and said ram blade includes a bearing surface suitable for bearing on the covering film of the blister and widening said cut in the covering film by pushing the covering film same into the cavity of the blister; and
- wherein the inhalation channel extends axially rearward of the cutting edge of the cutting blade.
29. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting edge of the cutting blade extends axially forward of the bearing surface of the at least one ram blade such that the covering film of a blister is at least partly cut by the cutting blade before the bearing surface of the at least one ram blade contacts the covering film of the blister.
30. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 29, wherein the cutting blade

is disposed axially forward of the bearing surface of the at least one ram blade such that the covering film of a blister is cut by the cutting blade before the bearing surface of the at least one ram blade contacts the covering film of the blister.

31. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the inlet is substantially co-axial with the longitudinal axis of the body.
32. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade is substantially co-axial with the longitudinal axis of the body.
33. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade includes at least one cutting point.
34. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 33, wherein the cutting blade includes first and second sections which taper to a cutting point.
35. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade includes at least one transverse opening axially rearward of the cutting edge thereof.
36. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade ~~(127)~~ is substantially planar.
37. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein each ram blade includes at least one transverse opening.
38. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 37, wherein the at least one transverse opening is axially rearward of the bearing surface of the ram blade.
39. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 37, wherein the at least one transverse opening extends axially rearwardly from the bearing surface of the ram blade.

40. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 37, wherein the at least one transverse opening is asymmetrically located in the ram blade.
41. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 40, wherein the at least one ram blade is substantially planar.
42. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the inlet section includes supplementary air inlet openings into the inhalation channel at an axial position rearwardly adjacent the inlet.
43. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting assembly includes first and second ram blades disposed on opposite sides of the cutting blade.
44. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 43, wherein each ram blade is disposed at substantially the same radial distance from the cutting blade.
45. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 43, wherein the cutting assembly is configured such that the distance between the endmost points of the bearing surface of each of the ram blades is approximately the same distance as the distance between the endmost points of the effective cutting length of the cutting blade and the adjacent endmost points of the bearing surface of each of the ram blades.
46. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the axial position of the inlet is such that when, in use, and the inlet section is located in a blister, the inlet is located below the surface defining the opening of the cavity of the blister.
47. (Previously presented): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the inlet section includes at least one surface which defines a shoulder which, in use, is located at the

upper surface of the blister.

48. (Previously presented): An inhaler for administering dry powder by inhalation, comprising a film cutting and moving suction tube which comprises
- an elongate body which includes an inlet section formed with an inlet at one end of the elongate body, which inlet section includes an inlet, an outlet section formed with an outlet and that provides a mouthpiece at the other end of the elongate body thereof, which outlet section includes an outlet and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel for providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;

said inlet section includes a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade that extends across the inlet and at least one ram blade;

said blade being formed with a cutting edge suitable for making a cut in a covering film of a cavity of a blister containing powder medicament, and said ram blade includes a bearing surface suitable for bearing on the covering film of the blister and pushing the same into the cavity of the blister; and

wherein the inhalation channel extends axially rearward of the cutting edge of the cutting blade.

49. (Previously presented): The inhaler according to Claim 48, further comprising
- a support unit for supporting a blister pack element,
- wherein the support unit includes a wall member which includes a plurality of openings adjacent which the blister pack element is in use disposed such that a said blister is located beneath each opening.

50. (Previously presented): The inhaler according to claim 49, wherein the inlet section of the suction tube includes at least one surface which defines a shoulder that acts to limit the extent to which the suction tube can be inserted into the openings in the wall member.

51. (Previously presented): The inhaler according to claim 49, wherein the openings in the wall member of the support unit each include at least one radial extension which each

include a web member and the inlet section of the suction tube includes at least one resiliently-biased arm which supports a catch member and is configured to fit into the at least one radial extension of the openings in the wall member, with the catch member and the web member being configured to engage one another when the suction tube is inserted into one of the openings in the wall member.

52. (Currently amended): The inhaler according to claim 51, wherein the openings in the wall member of the support unit each include first and second radial extensions and the inlet section of the suction tube includes first and second resiliently-biased arms ~~(105,107)~~.

53. (Previously presented): The inhaler according to claim 52, wherein the first and second radial extensions of the openings in the wall member and the first and second arms of the inlet section of the suction tube are radially opposed.

54. (Currently amended) The combination comprising a blister containing powder containing medicament and a suction tube for drawing said powder containing medicament from a said blister, said blister comprising a cavity sealed by a covering film, the suction tube comprising an elongate body which includes an inlet section at one end thereof, which inlet section includes an inlet, an outlet section at the other end thereof, which outlet section includes an outlet and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet through which powder is in use drawn on inhalation by a user, the inlet section having a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade and at least one ram blade,

said cutting blade including a cutting edge for making a cut in the covering film of a blister,

said ram blade including at least one bearing surface for bearing on the covering film of the blister and widening said cut in the covering film by pushing the same covering film into the cavity of the blister,

wherein the cutting blade extends across the inlet.

55. (Currently amended) An inhaler for administering dry powder by inhalation, comprising a blister containing powder containing medicament, a suction tube for drawing said powder containing medicament from a said blister, said blister comprising a cavity sealed by a covering film, the suction tube comprising an elongate body which includes an inlet section at one end thereof, which inlet section includes an inlet, an outlet section at the other end thereof, which outlet section includes an outlet and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet through which powder is in use drawn on inhalation by a user, the inlet section having a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade and at least one ram blade, said cutting blade including a cutting edge for making a cut in the covering film of a blister, said ram blade including at least one bearing surface for bearing on the covering film of the blister and widening said cut in the covering film by pushing the same covering film into the cavity of the blister, wherein the cutting blade extends across the inlet.
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